Application No. 09/744,169 Art Unit 1615

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## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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Claim 1. (Amended) A multiparticulate controlled release selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) formulation for oral administration, which comprises particles of said SSRI or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof coated with a rate controlling polymer which allows controlled release of said SSRI over a period of not less than about 12 hours following oral administration.

Please add the following claims:

Claim 36. (New) The formulation according to Claim 1, wherein said rate controlling polymer is SSRI-permeable.

Claim 37. (New) The formulation according to Claim 1, wherein said rate controlling polymer is SSRI-permeable and water soluble.

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Claim 38. (New) The formulation according to Claim 1, wherein said rate controlling polymer is SSRI-permeable and water insoluble.

Claim 39. (New) The formulation according to Claim 25, wherein said formulation is in capsule form.

Claim 40. (New) The formulation according to Claim 25, wherein said formulation is in tablet form.